

# PRODUCT UPDATE

## Clinical Center Standardization Committee



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### **ALARIS MEDICAL SYSTEMS® MEDLEY™ INFUSION PUMP MODULE**

The Clinical Center infusion pump system has changed from IMED to Alaris Medley. IMED IV pumps have been removed from all clinical areas. Alaris Medley IV pumps have been placed in all clinical areas that use IV pumps. In order to promote Clinical Center transition to a new system, frequently asked questions and responses about the Alaris Medley IV pumps are provided below.

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#### **WHO NEEDS IV PUMP TRAINING AND SKILLS VALIDATION?**

Introduction of Alaris Medley IV pump technology is a major change in Clinical Center IV pump practice. All staff using IV pumps must have training and skills validation.

#### **HOW CAN I GET TRAINING?**

Training is done by viewing the 45-minute training videotape "MEDLEY System Inservice Video". If your unit does not have a training videotape, go to Room 7D42 so that you can borrow a training videotape.

#### **HOW CAN I GET SKILLS VALIDATION?**

Skills validation is provided by performing specified IV pump practices in the presence of a certified IV pump trainer. You can arrange a time to do the skills validation with a certified IV pump trainer. If you do not know a certified trainer, then contact Teresa Peduzzi by email or by calling x66361. Teresa will provide you with the names of certified trainers for you to contact.

#### **WHY ARE THE IV PUMPS LABELED?**

IV pump management is the responsibility of each assigned area and nurse manager. Each unit must have plans in place to keep track of its assigned pumps. Biomed will give each nurse manager/ supervisor a list of the IV pumps (# brains, # channels, serial numbers) assigned to their location. **NOTE: CHS DOES NOT PROVIDE IV PUMPS.**

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#### **ARE EXTRA IV PUMPS AVAILABLE?**

The current IV pump supply/ distribution pattern should be sufficient to meet patient care needs. Nurse managers/ supervisors should contact MMD Nurse Consultants to discuss requests for extra IV pumps. CHS does not provide IV pumps.

#### **HOW ARE THE IV PUMPS CLEANED?**

Dispatch is the only cleaning agent that can be used. Other cleaning agents damage the IV pumps. Housekeeping is responsible to clean the IV pumps between each patient and as-requested by nursing. Housekeeping has a procedure that includes use of a cleaning indicator (a money band) to show that a pump is clean.

#### **WHEN ARE IV PUMPS SENT TO CHS?**

IV pumps are sent to CHS ONLY IF BROKEN (not working; a label is missing). CHS will process the pumps per procedure for all returned broken medical equipment and deliver the pumps to MMD Biomed. Biomed will repair/ return the IV pump to its home location.

#### **WHERE DO I GET IV POLES?**

IV poles can be requested from CHS. Because there is a high demand for IV poles, sometimes IV poles are not available upon request. Remember to return all IV poles not being used for patient care to CHS. New IV poles are on order and notification will be given when the new IV poles are ready for distribution.

#### **WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH IMEDS?**

Place IMEDs for pick up by CHS staff.

#### **WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTION ABOUT THE IV PUMP?**

Your CNS is your clinical resource for questions about using the IV pump.

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